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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PRE-ADVANCE TEAM SCHEDULE

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DCM NOV 5, MOFA PROTOCOL CHIEF CHI OUTLINED PLANS FOR NOV 8 MEETING WITH PRE-ADVANCE PARTY PRINCIPALS AND EMBASSY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 1500 AT MOFA. CHI WOULD OPEN MEETING WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND INTRODUCE ROKG COMMITTEE. AMBASSADOR CATTO WOULD THEN MAKE BRIEF REMARKS AND INTRODUCE US SUDE. WOULD THEN BE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ITINERARY AND IDENTIFICATION OF ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS.

2. GENERAL MEETING WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY COUNTERPART MEETINGS, WHICH MOFA PROPOSES TO DIVIDE INTO FOLLOWING AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

A. PROTOCOL

B. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS (INCLUDING JOINT COMMUNIQUE)

C. SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE

D. PRESS

E. MILITARY AFFAIRS (SUCH AS SECURITY FOR PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT AND ROK LIAISON FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO US

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F. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS - INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION,
ACCOMMODATIONS, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS.
(DCM OBSERVED THAT PRESS DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO
INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS. CHI INDICATED THAT ROKG AWARE OF OVERLAP
BUT PREFERENCES INITIAL PRESS DISCUSSIONS TO FOCUS ON
REQUIREMENTS AND LET COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE WORK OUT
TECHNICAL PROBLEMS BASED ON NEEDS OF PRESS.)

3. DOES THIS BREAKDOWN OF RESPONSIBILITIES, ON BASIS OF
WHICH ROKG ALREADY OPERATING, OFFER ANY PROBLEMS? IF SO,
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO PRE-ADVANCE PARTY CAN PROVIDE PRIOR
TO ARRIVAL AS TO MANNER IN WHICH IT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE
RESPONSIBILITIES DIVIDED. KOREANS WOULD PROBABLY BE
AGREEABLE TO ATTEMPT DISCUSSION ALL ASPECTS AT GENERAL
MEETING, BUT FEEL THIS WOULD BE CUMBERSOME AND TIME-
CONSUMING. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD BE INFORMED
OF WHICH MEMBERS OF PARTY WOULD ATTEND WHICH COUNTERPART
MEETINGS AND ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS (SUCH AS FOOD
HANDLING AND MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS) THEY WOULD LIKE
TO DISCUSS WITH KOREANS. KOREANS PREPARED TO BE QUITE
FLEXIBLE BUT FEEL COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS NECESSARY
TO UNDERSTANDING ALL US REQUIREMENTS.

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